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On 21 August 1962 Subject reported to me regarding his being approached by Soviet representatives while at the Helsinki Youth Festival. He first described delivery of the letter by Alexander MATUSIEVICH which is the subject of a memorandum dated 20 August 1962.

Subject stated that aside from having given him the letter, Matusievich proposed that in approximately three months, if Cvirka could be in Paris, arrangements could be made for his going to Byelorussia to see things for himself and that his safe return to the West would be guaranteed. Among other things, he told Cvirka that the Soviets could easily arrange to see that Cvirka became persona non grata with ACL, with the Americans, with the Germans, etc. Alexander made it obvious to Cvirka that they knew almost everything about him -- including his true name. Concerning the matter of Soviet threats against Subject, he indicated that their knowledge of his true name was the only manner, in his opinion, in which the Soviets could create difficulties for him since under German law, registering under a false name makes one subject to a two-year jail sentence. He stated that this didn't concern him too much, however, since he had revealed his true identity to "American authorities." He stated that he was not subject to pressure through the cousin in the above referenced letter or through a sister living in the Soviet Union.

Cvirka indicated that he had made it clear to Alexander that he was devoted to his job and that although he may trust Alexander, he did not trust the Soviets and therefore would not accept the invitation to go to Byelorussia. He feels, however, that the chances of another approach in this regard are good. I recommended to him that should such further approach be made, he make it clear that he was not interested. He indicated he would keep me informed as to further developments.

Cvirka gave me the following additional information on Matusievich:

Born in Minsk 31 July 1934; lives in Minsk. (Cvirka indicated that Matusievich was a CP member but in his opinion was not highly dedicated. Cvirka first met Matusievich at the Vienna Youth Festival.)

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